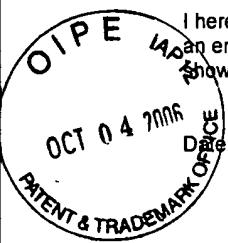


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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 7, 2006 and Advisory Action mailed May 8, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. A complete marked-up set of the Claims follow, indicating the status of each Claim begins on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The Remarks are on page 3, and the Conclusion is on page 4.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).